

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4368, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PFLUGER OF TEXAS

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) During the period beginning on the
2 date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date
3 that is 1 year after the date on which the report is sub-
4 mitted under subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture,
5 and any other Federal official, shall ensure that none of
6 the funds made available by this Act will be used to imple-
7 ment, administer, or enforce the final rule entitled “Im-
8 portation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other Ruminants”
9 (86 Fed. Reg. 68834) and dated December 3, 2021.

10 (b)(1)(A) The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct
11 a study on the potential costs and benefits of the rule re-
12 ferred to in subsection (a).

13 (B) The study required by subparagraph (A) shall as-
14 sess—

15 (i) the estimated amount of sheep and goat
16 meat imported into the United States as a result of
17 the implementation of the rule referred to in sub-
18 section (a);

1 (ii) the estimated increase in the number of live
2 sheep and goats imported into the United States as
3 a result of the rule;

4 (iii) the estimated demand for sheep and goat
5 meat in the United States during the 10-year period
6 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 disaggregated by region and State;

8 (iv) the impact of the COVID–19 pandemic on
9 the economic data and market conditions for imports
10 of sheep and goat meat and live sheep and goats;

11 (v) the potential effects of the rule on—

12 (I) the supply and prices of live sheep and
13 goats in the United States;

14 (II) producers of and markets for live
15 sheep and goats in the United States,
16 disaggregated by region and State;

17 (III) export opportunities for United
18 States producers of sheep and goat meat;

19 (IV) the competitiveness of the sheep and
20 goat industries in the United States;

21 (V) consumer confidence in sheep and goat
22 meat;

23 (VI) the health of sheep and goat herds in
24 the United States; and

1 (VII) disease outbreaks across species of
2 animals;

3 (vi) the estimated amount of direct payments
4 made by foreign countries to producers of live sheep
5 and goats in such countries as a result of the imple-
6 mentation of the rule referred to in subsection (a);
7 and

8 (vii) any negative impacts that could result
9 from the implementation of the rule referred to in
10 subsection (a) not covered by clauses (i) through
11 (vi).

12 (2)(A) Not later than 1 year after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
14 submit to the committees specified in subparagraph (B)
15 a report that includes—

16 (i) an analysis of the results of the study con-
17 ducted under paragraph (1); and

18 (ii) recommendations for changes to the rule re-
19 ferred to in subsection (a) to eliminate or mitigate
20 any negative effects of the implementation of the
21 rule.

22 (B) The committees specified in this subparagraph
23 are—

24 (i) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
25 and Forestry, the Committee on Foreign Relations,

1 the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on
2 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
3 Senate; and

4 (ii) the Committee on Agriculture, the Com-
5 mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on
6 Oversight and Reform of the House of Representa-
7 tives.

